A meeting of the local heads of public sector banks in Delhi was convened by the Government on 7-10-85 to discuss the question of strengthening the security arrangements in banks' branches in Delhi. Advice, as below, was reiterated:

(1) to observe weekly off days in branches coinciding with the closing day of the market in the area;

(2) each branch should have an armed security guard;

(3) each bank branch should have a collapsible gate properly chained and locked at the entrance;

(4) there should be self-locking wire meshed cabins for Cashiers;

(5) proper alarm system should be maintained and the alarm should not be feeble but a loud one; and

(6) there should be periodical checking of security arrangements by senior officials of the banks.

Statement

Bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in Delhi so far during the year 1985 as reported by public sector Banks and Delhi Police

(Data Provisional)

Sl. No.	Name of the Bank and branch	Date of occurrance	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of persons apprehended
1	State Bank of India (Evening Branch), Greater Kailash, Delhi Circle, Delhi	14-3-85	4·19	..
2	Union Bank of India, Anand Niketan Branch, Delhi	4-3-85	0·45	..
3	Bank of India, New Friends Colony, New Delhi	21-5-85	Nil	..
4	Vijaya Bank, Chandni Chowk, Delhi	4-6-85	Nil	1
5	New Bank of India, Masjid Moth, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi	10-7-85	3·02	..
6	Bank of India, Chittaranjan Park, New Delhi	21-8-85	4·19	..
7	Indian Bank, Safdarjang Enclave, New Delhi	4-10-85	2-88	..

Computerisation of Employment Exchanges

1125. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to computerise the Employment Exchanges in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (c) All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been advised to consider and introduce computerisation of Employment Exchanges, so that the National Employment Service equips itself to provide high quality of service to the job-seekesr and employers, in keeping with the emerging demands of the development process. A few States and Union Territories have taken steps towards computerisation of Employment Exchange operations on a very selective basic.

A scheme for central assistance to States for this purpose and the details thereof is under consideration.

Abolition of Sales Tax

1126. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 regarding abolition of sales tax on certain commodities and state:

(a) whether the Traders Association of India headed by Shri Gupta has demanded the abolition of sales tax levy;

(b) whether the High Power Committee headed by Pt. Kamlapati Tripathi also submitted a report which suggested the abolition of sales tax levy; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to introduce additional excise duty in place of sales tax having sales tax at first point only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No representation from the Traders' Association of India headed by Shri Gupta demanding abolition of sales tax has been received in the recent past.

(b) The Expert Committee on replacement of sales tax headed by Shri Kamlapati Tripathi, M.P. studied the financial implications of the extension of the scheme of additional excise duties in lieu of sales tax on vanaspati, drugs and medicines, cement, paper and paper board, and petroleum products and the manner in which the financial interests of the States could be safeguarded, and submitted its report on 29-1-1983 which was placed on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament on 29-4-83.

(c) As sales tax is mainly a State subject of taxation, any reform in sales tax can be undertaken only in consultation with and with the cooperation of the State Governments. Efforts made so far have not resulted in reaching a consensus.

Curbing of black money

1127. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take some strong package measures to curb the generation of black money in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) No such package measures have been decided. The recommendations of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy are under active consideration of the Government.

Alleged cheating of innocent persons by Manpower Agents in Delhi

1128. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a gang of so-called manpower agents involved in cheating innocent persons desiring to go abroad for seeking jobs, was arrested in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Government have taken to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have been asked for from the Delhi Police and the information will be laid on the Table of the House.

CBI investigation into cases against Shri R. K. Jain and Poddars

1129. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 730 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the investigation of the cases against Shri R. K. Jain and Poddars referred to the C.B.I. have since been completed and charge-sheets filed in the Court; if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(b) what is the progress of the cases filed by the Punjab & Sind Bank and the State Bank of Patiala to recover the money from the borrowers and the total amount inovlved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Central Bureau of Investigation, which has registered four cases against Shri R. K. Jain, Poddars and others regarding the fraud committed by them on